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**YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS
CHRONOLOGY**

I. Background: History of "normalization" campaign falls into four phases.

- A. June-December '53. Campaign starts with June appointment of Soviet Ambassador, to Yugoslavia, continues with decreasing efforts on both sides for rest of year.**
- B. January-April '54--almost no activity.**
- C. May to mid-September '54--campaign resumed--(small scale trade initiated; complete apology given for maltreatment of Yugoslav diplomats in the USSR.)**
- D. Mid-September to present--intensified activity (see full chronology).**

II. Position as of mid-September '54

- A. Diplomatic: Full representation (ambassadors or ministers) reestablished with all Eastern Europe Satellites except Poland. Border incidents with neighboring Satellites ceased with establishment**

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of joint border commissions.

- B. Trade: Earlier agreements with Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany (total value \$8,000,000 each way); border rail traffic regularized; relations improved in regulation of Danube River traffic.
- C. Propaganda: Attacks virtually ended on both sides.
- D. Political: Soviet Ambassador visits Tito twice in mid-summer--possibly as groundwork for intensified campaign (only concrete offer was for repatriation of Yugoslav nationals in the USSR, but general talk of trade and other matters).

III. Mid-September to Present

- 16 Sept Moscow starts quoting Yugoslav press, leaders.
- 19 Sept Tito says "normalization" efforts will be received with "good will" but not permitted to alter ties with West.

21 Sept **Rumanian Ambassador lays wreath at tomb of
unknown Yugo soldier.**

26-27 Sept **Soviet press references to economic progress
in Yugoslavia.**

27 Sept **Guardedly favorable Yugoslav press reaction
to announced dissolution of Soviet-Rumanian
joint steel companies.**

29 Sept **Anti-Tito radio in Rumania goes off air.**

1 Oct **Small trade agreement (\$2.5 million each
way by the end of the year) with USSR.**

4 Oct **Warsaw pulls all anti-Tito books.**

11 Oct **Agreement on high-level trade talks.**

12 Oct **Vyslinsky "takes cognizance" of Trieste
settlement.**

13 Oct **Yugoslavs admit granting Soviet request for
permission for commercial overflights to
Albania.**

- 13 Oct** Yugoslav emigre propaganda mills in Orbit reported abolished.
- 13 Oct** Chinese Communist embassies reported inviting Yugoslav diplomats to national day parties.
- 13 Oct** Yugoslav press interprets dissolution of Soviet-Chinese joint companies as change in policy, as well as methods.
- 14 Oct** Radio Belgrade's transmissions in Russian no longer jammed.
- 16-20 Oct** On tenth anniversary Belgrade liberation, USSR press and radio plugs Yugoslav partisans.
- 25 Oct** Tito says he hopes for continuation of "normalization."
- 26 Oct** Tito tells Stassen that Russians know they must not expect "normalization" to alter Yugo cooperation with West and that talk of return to the Orbit was "arrant nonsense."

- 28 Oct** Yugo ambassador received by Bulgarian premier (first such meeting in Satellites).
- 30 Oct** Yugoslav and Soviet exchange of films under negotiation.
- 6 Nov** Politburo member Saburov, in major speech, plugs improved relations with Yugo, pledges continued efforts--Khrushchev tells Yugo ambassador that statement was "carefully examined" decision.
- 6 Nov** Tito adds "personal wishes" to those of Yugo people in congratulations to Vavrenko on Soviet national holiday.
- 11 Nov** Yugo internal radio sees signs of decentralization of Soviet economic administration (as in Yugo).
- 14 Nov** Belgrade accepts Polish Ambassador (completes Satellites).

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- 21 Nov** **Tito says Yagov, while favoring idea of such meeting, won't attend Soviet European security conference.**
- 28 Nov** **Kulnev, Khromchikov, Molotov and Bulganin-- attending a reception at the Yugoslav embassy toast "Comrade Tito and the Communist Party of Yugoslavia."**
- 29 Nov** **Some Satellite premiers attend Yugoslav national holiday receptions.**

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